

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-34 of which claims 29-34 are withdrawn from consideration and claims 1, 2, 4, 7-10, 15, 16, 23, 25 and 26 are amended herewith.

Claims 1-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Stern (US 5,576,948) in combination with other references. From the latest office action and the telephonic interview, it is applicants' understanding that the Examiner interpreted the term "taking lens system" as a broad term which might include a plurality of taking lenses as in Stern, each of which receives light for a different function. Applicants amended the term in the claims to "taking lens" so that it would be clearly understood to mean that all the light is received via a same lens.

Applicants repeat their argument filed on May 8, 2006, as to why Stern does not teach a light control system as required by independent claim 1:

*"Claim 1 of the application claims an optical imaging system comprising "a taking lens system" from which both an imaging camera **and** a 3D camera receive light and "a light control system that controls an amount of light from the taking lens that reaches at least one of the 3D camera and the imaging camera without affecting an amount of light that reaches the other of the 3D camera and the imaging camera".*

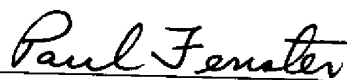
The applicant agrees with the Examiner that Stern has "a light control system that controls an amount of light from the taking lens that reaches at least one of the 3D camera and the imaging camera without affecting an amount of light that reaches the other of the camera". However, Stern's imaging camera and 3D camera do not share a same taking lens. Since Jasinischi does not teach a 3D camera sharing a taking lens with a 2D camera, the combination of Stern and Jasinischi do not and cannot provide the invention claimed in claim 1 and therefore do not support a prima facie obviousness rejection of the claim."

In view of the above, applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited art, claims dependent on claim 1 are patentable at least through their dependence on claim 1 and that the application is therefore in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will expedite the examination he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at 1 (877) 428-5468, which is a US toll free number. Please note that we are 7 hours ahead of the US, so you should call before about 11:00 AM. We are closed on Friday.

Additionally, applicant respectfully points out that the First Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 21, 2006, included a 1-page 1449 form. The form was not returned to us initialed by the Examiner. Applicant is resubmitting the form and respectfully request that all the items listed thereon be initialed by the Examiner to ensure that they appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application. Applicant assumes that the art has already been considered by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP 609.

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